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SUBJ: ALGERIAN AND LDC'S

REF: NAIROBI 1786; ADDIS ABABA 2564

1. WE HAVE READ REFTELS WITH MUCH INTEREST AND FULLY
AGREE IT TIME START FOCUSING ON ALGERIAN-LED CAMPAIGN

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TO REORDER WORLD'S ECONOMY. WE ARE NOT IN POSITION

HERE TO EVALUATE SUCCESS OF THAT CAMPAING BECAUSE WE ARE SUBJECT TO CONSTANT ALGERIAN PROPAGANDA MAKING IT SOUND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL. WE TAKE THOSE CLAIMS WITH GRAIN OF SALT, BUT NEVERTHELESS IMPRESSED WITH EVIDENT SUPPORT GARNERED FROM OTHER LDC'S AT SUCH DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AS NEW YORK, NAIROBI AND DAKAR. THIRD WORLD IS CREEPING UP ON US AND WE ARE COMING TO CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN TERMS ECONOMIC POLICIES AFFECTING THEM AND US. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN THIS SITUATION HAVE SOME INDICATION HOW DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT PROBLEM, AND TO KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS IT MAY HAVE. WE HERE ARE TRYING PREPARE THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS ALGERIA'S ROLE, BUT ARE AWAITING OUTCOME OPEC CONFERENCE BEFORE DRAWING CONCLUSIONS. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE A FEW OBSERVATIONS.

2. WE CALL PARTICULAR ATTENTION PARA 4 BELGRADE' 972, REPORTING YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE TRADE OFF BETWEEN LDC'S AND OPEC, WITH LATTER GIVING PROMISE FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN EXCHANGE FOR POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM FORMER IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. OPEC PERFORMANCE ITS PART OF BARGAIN NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE TO DATE, BUT LDC'S HAVE KEPT THEIR PART OF BARGAIN (IF THERE IS ONE) AND WE WOULD EXPECT OPEC SHOW MORE GENEROSITY SOONER OR LATER. BOUMEDIENE PROPOSAL SUPPLY FERTILIZER AT COST IS AN EXAMPLE OF TYPE OF ACTION THEY COULD TAKE.

3. TRADE-OFF OR NOT, IT APPEARS VERY FEW LDC'S ARE PREPARED CHALLENGE ALGERIANS IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. LATTER MAKE PRACTICE FIELDING FIRST CLASS TEAM WHICH HAS DONE ITS HOMEWORK, KNOWS RULE OF GAME AND HAS LATITUDE MAKE DECISIONS ON THE SPOT. YAKER ATTACK ON NIGERIANS AT ADDIS ABABA OVER OIL PRICES WAS CASE IN POINT. ACCORDING ALGERIANS HE MADE PERSONAL DECISION DO SO AND WAS OPERATING WITHIN POLICY FRAMEWORK, THE LIMITS OF WHICH WERE CLEAR. OTHER LDC'S ON OTHER HAND, OFTEN TEND SEND DELEGATIONS WHICH UNSKILLED, UNPREPARED AND UNINSTRUCTED. ALGERIANS THEREFORE FACE LITTLE COMPETITION, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY ARE PUSHING POLICIES WHICH ATTACK WEST AND CLAIM MORE FOR LDC'S

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4. IN BROAD TERMS WE SEE SEVERAL WAYS DEALING WITH PROBLEM; (A) TAKE CLOSER LOOK AT OUR OWN POLICIES AND LDC COMPLAINTS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY COME WRAPPED IN REVOLUTIONARY RHETORIC, (B) BE SURE OUR OWN DELEGATIONS HAVE DONE THEIR HOMEWORK, UNDERSTAND WHAT ALGERIAN LINE IS LIKELY TO BE, AND ARE ALGET TO THE POSSIBILITY THEY WILL BE SANDBAGGED (C) THAT WE MAKE

A MORE IMPRESSIVE EFFORT GIVE GUIDANCE TO POSTS IN
THE FILED.
FOR EXAMPLE GUIDANCE ON PRODUCERS-CONSUMERS CONFERENCE HAS
CONSISTED OF REPEATING TWO, THREE WEEK-OLD TELEGRAMS ABOUT
IEA DELIBERATIONS AND ONE
TELEGRAM OF UNCLASSIFIED PRESS GUIDANCE. IT WOULD
BE GOOD TO BE TAKEN INTO DEPARTMENT'S CONFICENCE.
(D) THAT WE DO MORE TO INFORM OUR POTENTIAL FRIENDS
AND ALLIES AMONG LDC'S JUST WHAT OUR POLICIES ARE
AND WHY. FOR LACK OF SUCH INFORMATION MUCH SUPPORT HAS
GONE BY DEFAULT. (E) ONE OF OUR DIFFICULTIES SEEMS
TO BE THAT THERE IS NO CENTRAL AUTHORITY OR OFFICE
DEALING WITH THESE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE USG. OR RATHER,
IF THERE IS SUCH AN OFFICE, WE DO NOT KNOW WHICH IT
IS. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL DESIGNATE AN ACTION GROUP,
PERHAPS UNDER SP AUSPICES, TO FOLLOW THESE QUESTIONS.
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